

FISCAL NOTE

SB 425 - HB 1822

March 21, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the social security offset to workers' compensation benefits received by employees who become permanently and totally disabled after age 60 from being applied to death benefits awarded to the dependents of an employee over age 60 at the time of the work-related death. Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to copy and provide all medical records related to a workers' compensation case when requested by certain persons.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$81,300 Recurring
\$4,800 One-Time**

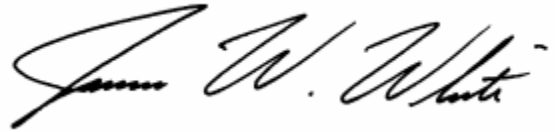
Assumptions:

- An increase in state expenditures to copy and mail approximately 5,000 files on an annual basis. The average file contains approximately 45 pages of medical records and sometimes includes audio tapes, video tapes and x-rays. The average cost to copy and mail approximately 5,000 files is \$16.25 each.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to purchase equipment to make copies of any audio and video tapes and x-rays that may be part of the medical records.
- The state does not currently apply the social security offset to death benefits. Therefore there will be no impact to the Risk Management Fund.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director